

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A purse with an illuminating device comprising, in combination:

a purse comprising:

a main storage area; and

a clasp member having a first end coupled to one end of the main storage area and a second end coupled to a second end of the main storage area for opening and closing the main storage area; and

a lighting device comprising:

a power supply;

a light element coupled to the power supply;

a housing coupled to the flap member which holds the power supply and light element; and

a magnetic switch coupled to the clasp member and which automatically causes the lighting device to activate when the clasp member is opened.

2. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the magnetic switch comprises:

a first magnetic connector coupled to the first end of the clasp member; and

a second magnetic connector coupled to the second end of the clasp member.

3. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the purse further comprises carrying straps coupled to the main storage area for allowing the user to carry the purse.

4. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the purse further comprises a plurality of compartment areas coupled to the main storage area.

5. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the power supply is a flat battery.

6. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the light element is a flat light bulb.

7. A purse with an illuminating device comprising, in combination:

a purse comprising:

a main storage area;

a plurality of compartment areas coupled to the main storage area; and

a clasp member having a first end coupled to one end of the main storage area and a second end coupled to a second end of the main storage area for opening and closing the main storage area; and

a lighting device comprising:

a power supply;

a light element coupled to the power supply;

a housing coupled to the flap member which holds the power supply and light element; and

a magnetic switch coupled to the clasp member and which automatically causes the lighting device to activate when the clasp member is opened wherein the magnetic switch comprises:

a first magnetic connector coupled to the first end of the clasp member; and

a second magnetic connector coupled to the second end of the clasp member.

8. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the purse further comprises carrying straps coupled to the main storage area for allowing the user to carry the purse.

9. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the power supply is a flat battery.

10. A purse with an illuminating device in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the light element is a flat light bulb.